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I believe that I am the original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled,

Rod and Tubing Joint of Multiple Orientations Containing Electrical Wiring,

the specification of which was filed on 09/25/2003 and is referenced by USPTO serial number 10/671,141.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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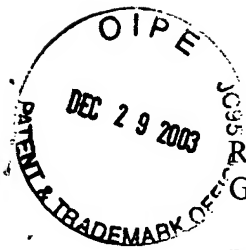
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